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## DANIEL BEFORE THE KING.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION.

(DESCRIPTION OF THE FALL OF BABYLON.)

#### CHORUS.

By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, when we remembered Thee, O Sion. As for our harps we hanged them up upon a tree that was therein. For they that led us away captive required of us then a Song and Melody, in our heaviness.

#### RECITATIVE.

Sing us one of the Songs of Sion.

#### TRIO.

How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange

#### OUARTETTE.

If I forget Thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning; if I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth: yea, if I prefer Jerusalem in my mirth.

#### CHORUS.

Remember the children of Edom, O Lord, in the day of Jerusalem, how they said, Down with it, down with it, even to the ground, O daughter of Babylon, wasted with misery: yea, happy shall he be that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us.

#### 2. RECITATIVE.

Narrator.

It pleased Darius to set Daniel as Ruler over the Kingdom. Then the Presidents and Elders sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the Kingdom; but they could find no fault, for as much as he was faithful. Then said these men, We shall find no occasion against this Daniel except concerning the laws of his God.

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#### 3. QUARTETTE and CHORUS.

The People.

King, live for ever!

#### 4. AIR.

One of the Princes.

Now, O King, establish a decree and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not, that whosoever ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O King, he shall be cast into the den of Lions.

#### 5. CHORUS.

Why do the heathen rage so furiously together, and why do the people imagine a vain thing.

#### 6. RECITATIVE.

Narrator.

When Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went and kneeled upon his knees and prayed.

#### 7. AIR.

Daniel

How dear are Thy counsels unto me, O God, how great is the sum of them, they are more than the number of the sands. Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart, prove me and examine my thoughts, look well if there be any wickedness in try soul, and lead me in the way everlasting.

#### 8. RECITATIVE.

Narrator.

Then these men assembled and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God. Then came they near and spake to the King concerning the King's decree.

#### g and 10. CHORUS, AIR and CHORUS.

The People and King Darius.

Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that ask a petition of any God save thee, O King, shall be cast into the den? The thing is true according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not. That man Daniel of the tribe of Judah regards not thee, O King, nor the decree which thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day.

#### 11. MARCH.

#### 12. DOUBLE CHORUS.

The People.

He trusted in God that He would deliver him, let Him deliver him, if He will have him.

#### 13. AIR and RECITATIVE.

Daniel.

In the Lord put I my trust; how say ye then to my soul, that it should flee as a bird to the hills, For lo! the ungodly bend their bow, and make ready their arrows within the quiver, that they may privily shoot at them, which are true of heart. The Lord is in His holy temple, the Lord's seat is in heav'n, and His eyelids try the children of men, His eyes consider the poor.

#### 14. CHORUS of MALE VOICES.

The People.

Know thou, O King, that the law of the Medes and Persians may not be changed. Now, O King, say 'tis true that our law alt'reth not.

#### 15. AIR.

King Darius.

'Tis true indeed, according to the laws which I have made, that no decree nor statute which the King establisheth may be changed. Daniel, thy God, whom thou servest, will deliver thee,

#### 16. RECITATIVE.

Narrator.

Then the King commanded, and they brought unto him Daniel, and cast him into the den of Lions, and the King passed the night fasting, and arose up early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of Lions, and cried with a lamentable voice, and said:

#### 17. AIR.

King Darius,

Daniel! O Daniel! Servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest, able to deliver thee?

#### 18. ARIA.

Daniel.

My God hath sent His Angels and hath shut the Lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me, for in me innocence was found, and also before thee, O King, have I done no hurt.

#### 19. AIR.

King Darius.

I make a decree unto all my people, nations and languages, that in every dominion of my Kingdom men shall tremble and fear the God of Daniel.

#### 20. CHORUS.

The People.

He is the living God, and steadfast for ever, and His dominion endureth unto the end.

#### CHORALE.

For why? The Lord our God is good, His mercy is for ever sure; His truth at all times firmly stood And shall from age to age endure.

O enter then His gates with praise, Approach with joy His courts unto; Praise, laud, and bless His name always, For it is seemly so to do.

Amen, Amen.



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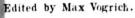




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## "Daniel before the King."









## Nº 1. "By the waters of Babylon." CHORUS.









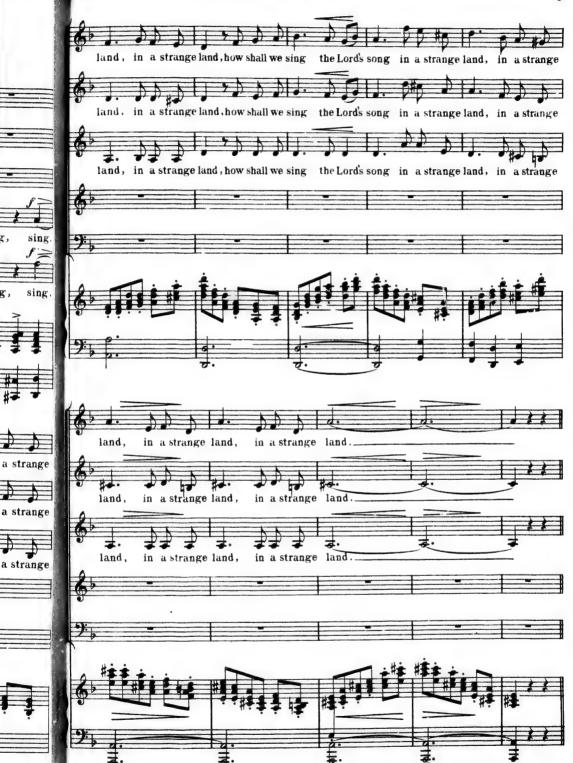


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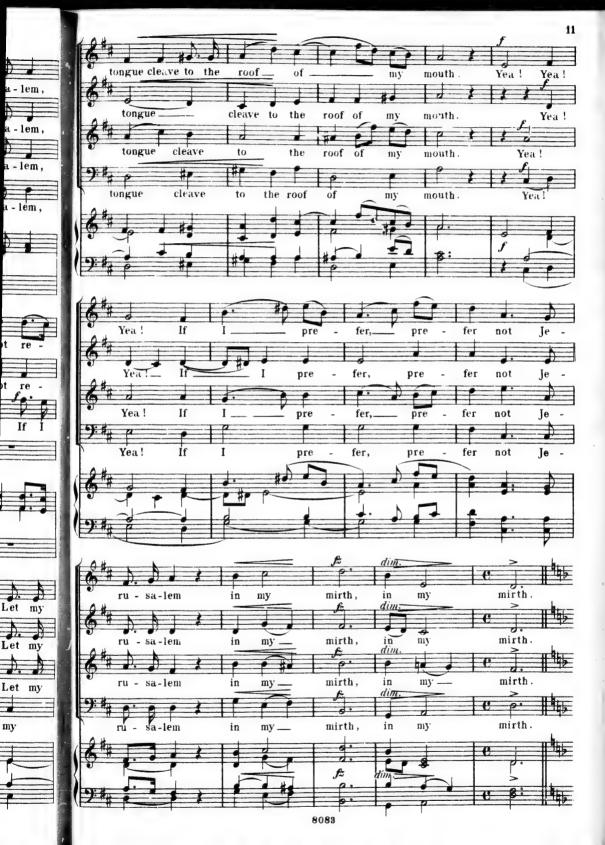
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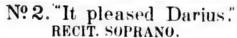












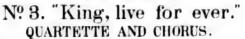
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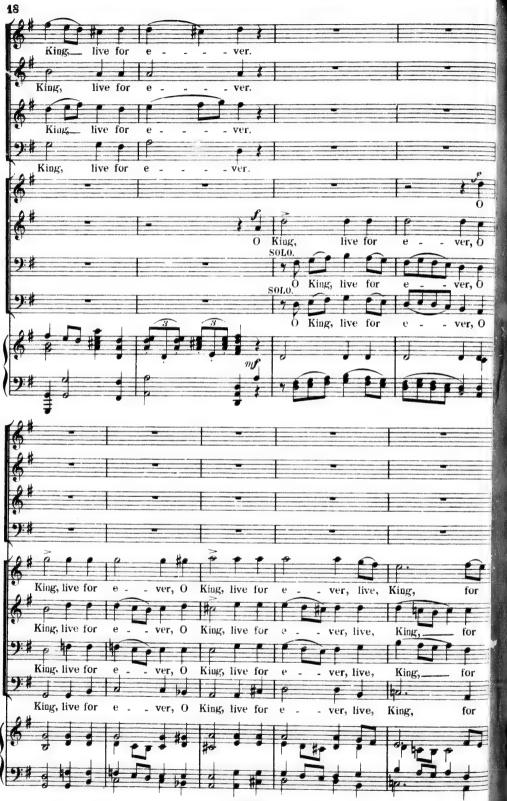
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Nº 4. "Now, O King, establish a decree."

AIR. Bass.















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No 7. "How dear are Thy counsels unto me, O God." AIR. Tenor.









#### Nº8."Then these men assembled." RECIT. Soprano.











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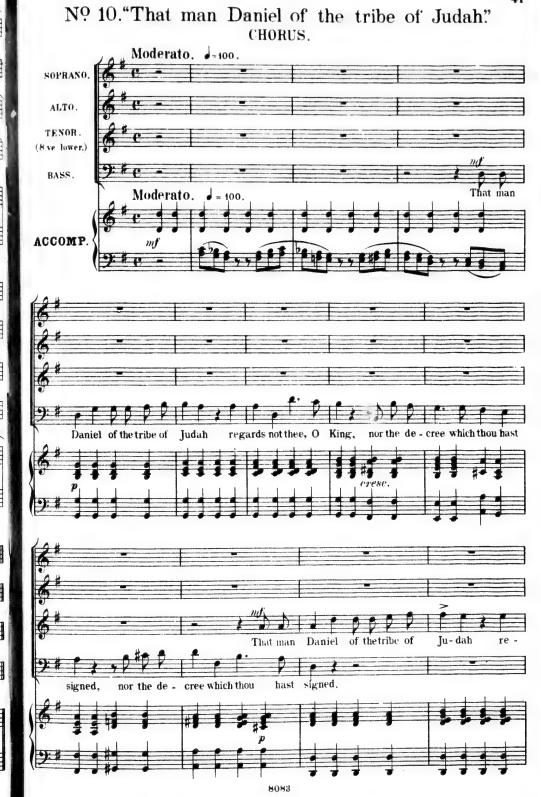




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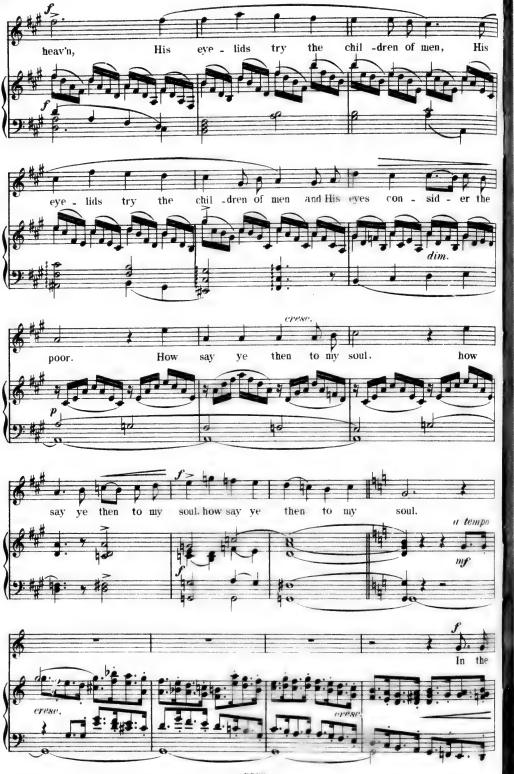
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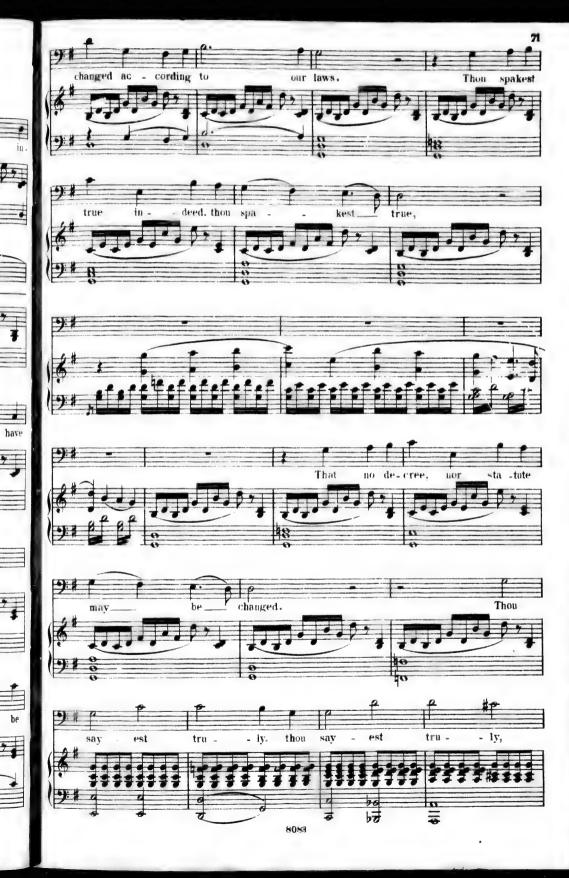






Nº 15. Tis true indeed."
AIR. Bass.







## Nº16. Then the King commanded. RECIT. Soprano.





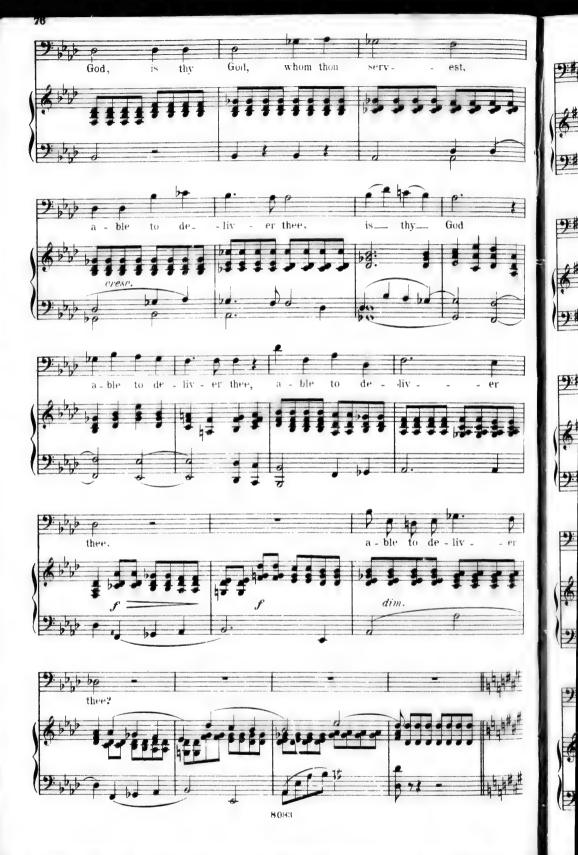
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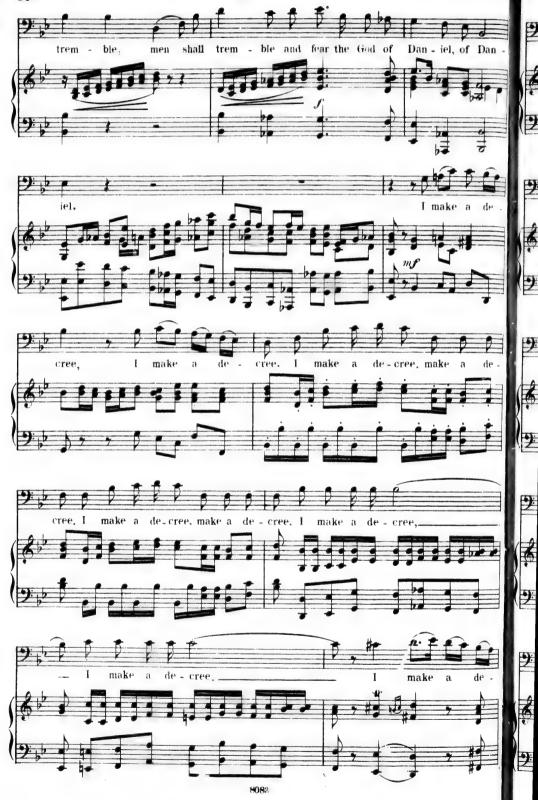


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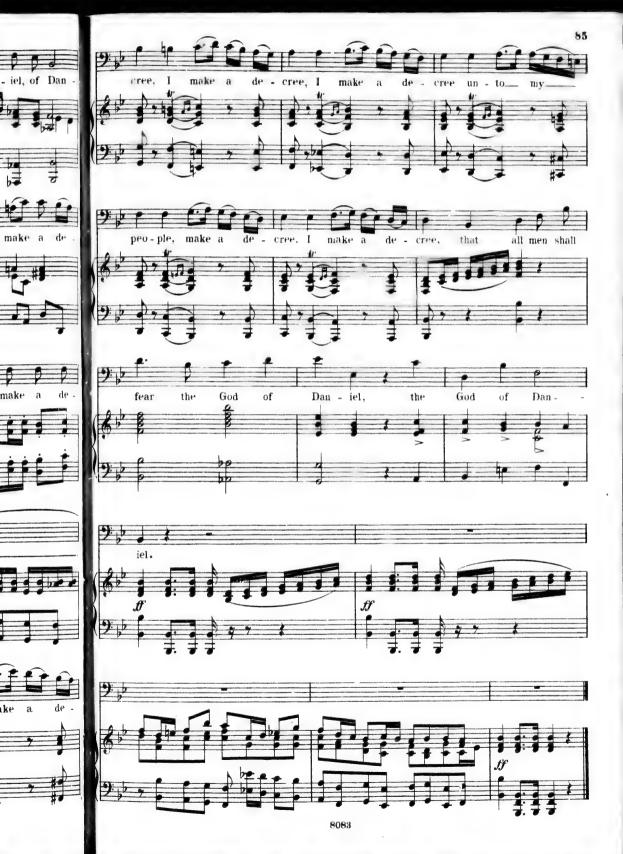


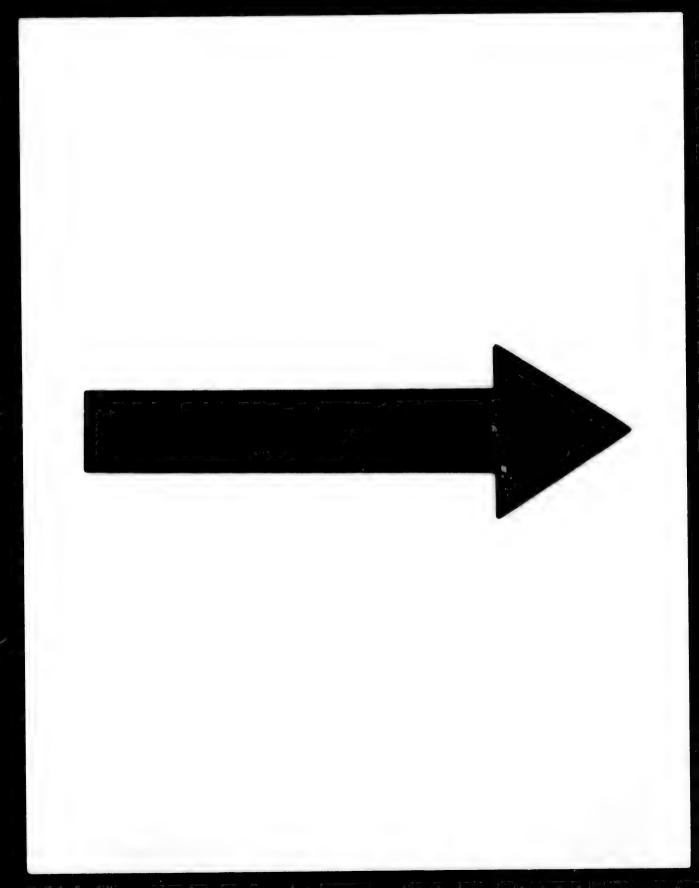






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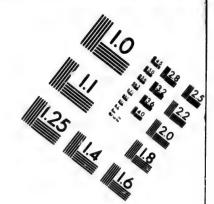
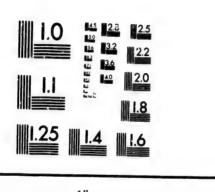


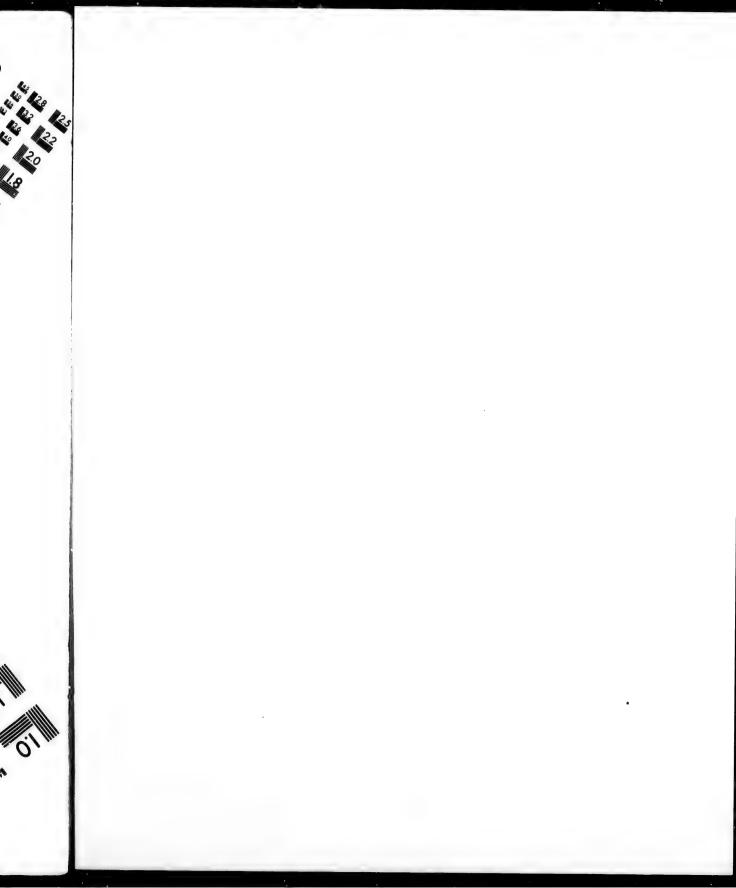
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